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A.—(*a*) An estimate has been called for from the Director of Public Instruction.

(*b*) The question will be considered on receipt of the estimate referred to.

Local Boards

Report of the District Board, Kurnool, regarding the Srisailam road.

* 1605 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to call for information and state—

(*a*) whether the report of the District Board, Kurnool, regarding the Srisailam road has been considered; and

(*b*) whether any provision is being made in the next budget for the work?

A.—(*a*) The subject is still under correspondence with the President, District Board.

(*b*) No.

Construction of a bridge over the Gundlakamma near Markapur.

* 1606 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state after calling for information if need be—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that, during the rainy weather, Markapur, a taluk centre in the Kurnool district, is cut off from the rest of the district by the Gundlakamma for days together;

(*b*) whether, as a matter of fact, the District Collector was detained at Markapur during the last rains; and

(*c*) whether early steps will be taken to bridge the river to avoid this great inconvenience?

A.—(*a*) The river is ordinarily fordable at all seasons. Only during high floods the road communication to Markapur may be interrupted for a short period.

(*b*) The Government are not aware.

(*c*) Yes.

Preparation of the list of Local Fund Assistant Engineers

* 1607 Q.—The RAJA OF RAMNAD: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(i) to publish a list of Local Fund Assistant Engineers (first grade) according to their rank and order of seniority; and

(ii) to state—

(*a*) on what basis the list is prepared;

(*b*) whether the total service or the date of promotion to the first grade is adopted in settling the order;

(*c*) what are the reasons for adopting the one course or the other?

A.—Assistant Engineers are not Government servants and the Government do not propose to lay down any order of seniority for them.